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Dear Sir, Thoreau has been
so tremendously overpraised
by the New England
critics, or rather pufflers,
that I have never been
able to take kindly to
him. I admire Shelley
beyond all modern poets,
except Byron, but have
not published my own
estimate of his wonderful
genius. As for Byron,
I doubt whether he stands
a jot lower than Shaks-
peare. Yours obtly

a. A. Dooley & Co. R. Shelton Mackenzie

My own Personal Recollections,
not to appear until after
I am dead (and I
~~say~~ am now 67.) will
probably occupy my
little leisure through
the coming time.



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